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Dear [redacted]

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Thank you for your letter [redacted]

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You should be pleased to know that the NSC shares your reaction and is looking for appropriate measures to take in some form of retaliation. Our problem at the moment is we are not too sure who the guilty parties are. While we seem predisposed to blame the Iranians, [redacted] is providing us with mixed reviews. Hopefully we will sort that out and the weight of the United States can be brought to bear on the guilty parties, not just in the form of CA but tools that are available to our government at large.

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As far as anti-terrorism in general, [redacted] efforts to thwart and neutralize terrorist attempts have been most productive. In fact, worldwide terrorism has been somewhat clobbered over the past year. I think our efforts to train governments in counterterrorism are also paying off.

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At any rate, thanks for your interest and reaction. I wish you the very best [redacted]

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Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John N. McMahon

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